

V. County-Specific Information

White County Profile

- White County, located in the Upper Cumberland Region, is surrounded by three of the largest populated counties in the region, Putnam, Warren, and Cumberland.
- White County's population of 21,343 (1995 estimate) is predominantly rural with 42.9% below the 200% poverty guidelines while 26% are on TennCare.
- The county's per capita personal income is \$15,239 which is below the region and the state averages.
- The county is predominantly rural with access to Interstate 40 and various state highways
- Corporate industries such as Mallory Controls, Inc., Red Kap Ind., and Thomas Industries employ approximately 1500 people total. The county has several industrial businesses located in the area. The Chamber of Commerce along with local business leaders actively recruit industry to the area.
- The total labor force in White County is 11,830 with 10,870 employed resulting in an 8.1 unemployment rate.
- White County's public educational system has six elementary schools, one middle/Jr. high school, and one high school in the county with a total enrollment of approximately 3,791.
- The local hospital, White County Memorial Hospital, houses 60 beds with a separate geriatric unit.
- There are 14 physicians located in White County and 3 Physician Assistants.
- White County's TennCare Dental ratio to TennCare enrollees ranks them 33 in the state for Dental needs. The TennCare Dental population utilizes the local health department to meet their needs. The Dentist to TennCare enrollees ratio is 1:11,212 trying to serve the TennCare population.
- According to the state's Health Access Plan for 1997, White County is designated as a shortage area statewide in Pediatric Care and TennCare Providers ranking in the top 30 counties across the state.

References: Tennessee Department of Health, Upper Cumberland Development District